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SOCIAL SECURITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

DEPARTMENT

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

The 29th August, 2016

Sub: Procedure for change of name and gender of Transgenders

No. 6128-SSEPD-SS-I-TG-31/2016/SSEPD.— Transgenders customarily undergo a change of their names and gender. However, no official procedure is prescribed for this purpose. Consequently, they are experiencing difficulties in proper recognition of their new name and gender in the society. Considering the hardship faced by the Transgenders, Government have been pleased to decide that Transgenders should be allowed to change their names and gender.

2. Change of Name

For change of name, the interested Transgender should submit an application to the Competent Authority along with an affidavit. In case the Transgender is a Government Servant, the person should also submit an application for publication of the declaration of the change of name in the Official Gazette along with the prescribed fees for notification in the Official Gazette. The applicant should also publish in two local and two national dailies having wide circulation in the State an advertisement declaring the intention and grounds for the change of name.

3. Change of Gender

In case of change of gender, the person should submit an application along with an affidavit for declaration of change of gender and publish in the newspaper an advertisement declaring the change in gender of the applicant. In case of Government Servant the person should also submit an application to the Competent Authority for notification in the Official Gazette the declaration of the change of gender along with the prescribed fees.

4. Competent Authority

In case the Transgender is a Government Servant the Competent Authority will mean the Head of the Administrative Department. In case of Transgenders who are not Government Servants, the Competent Authority will imply the Head of the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

This will come into force with immediate effect.

By Order of the Governor

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